

I am writing to voice my concern about the toxic waste injection wells that are currently awaiting approval by TCEQ. It is not a good idea. There are several people against it, including local government and engineers. I live near the proposed location and can not believe that the state would put the drinking water of Montgomery county (and surrounding counties) in danger. As the daughter of a pipeline engineer, I understand the science behind using these wells. However, these abandoned wells were never maintained. They are also not properly coated for this type of disposal. They are over aquifers, and they are in THE MIDDLE of a well populated area. It is insane that an unelected board (TCEQ) has this amount of control over my life and well being. I have read in the paper the TCEQ was getting extra perks from a company wanting to put a smelter near El Paso, I think that TCEQ cares more about making big business happy than protecting its citizens. I will not vote for any elected official that has in his/her power the ability to stop this. I will also not vote for anyone that said official endorses in the future. I pay taxes, I vote, I volunteer, I teach, and I try to be a good citizen because I believe that in the end government is a good thing. But, this ordeal has made me see the light of day... Texas government is only interested in making businesses happy... even when in costs the individual citizens to lose the value of their homes and possibly their health.

I know that you are not a member of our state government, but I still feel that the federal also has a role in this situation.



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